GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:939
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RELEASE OF OUTSTANDING AMOUNT BY FCI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Governemnt has urged the Union Government to release Rs. 85 crore,which is outstanding from Food Corporation of India which procured maize from farmers in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith reaction of Union Government;

(c) whether the FCI is facing problems in the release of the outstanding amount; and

(d) if so, the main reasons for delay and the time by which amount is likely to be released?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Food Corporation of India has made full payment for the maize procured by it directly from the farmers during Kharif Marketing Season 2000-01. For the maize procured by the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation upto 28.2.2001 as sub-agent of the Food Corporation of India, entire payment has been made except Rupees 1.98 crores which would be released as soon as correct final stock statement is received from the Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation.

The Karnataka Food and Civil Supplies Corporation has also procured 1,26,015 tonnesof maize during 1.3.2001 to 31.3.2001 as sub-agent of the Food Corporation of India, and the cost of this works out to around Rupees 56 crores.The FCI will release this amount as soon as the stock of 1,26,015 tonnes of maize is disposed off.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.